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Indira Preaches To The Rich

NEW DELHI Dec.31 Mrs.Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India reminded the rich nations of the world that they have an obligation to help poor countries such as India while addressing 600 delegates at the international law conference here yesterday.

Mrs. Gandhi.

She said "It is not a new form of arrogance for affluent nations to regard the poorer nations as an improvident species whose numbners are a threat to their own standard of living. The world's resources must be developed to make equitable distribution possible. An oblication rests on the haves to generate confidence among the have nots. In order to achieve greater mutual confidence perhaps a new approach to foreign investments is indicated in which investments abroad are regarded more as a service to the recipient community than as an enterprise where profits and their repatriation must be secured at all cost. The overall perspective should be one of promoting positive cooperation for the larger good".

Saxbe Confirmed As Ambassador

Washington: The U.S.Senate has confirmed Attorney-General William Saxbe as Ambassador to India replacing Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Mr.Saxbe, 58, said earlier "My wife and I have been to India five times in five years, and find it endlessly fascinating".

Meanwhile the retiring ambassador Mr.Moynihan was quite critical of U.S.foreign policy in ignoring India. He said in New Delhi "This is a democracy - a huge Asian democracy - and there aren't many around." He commented on the American tendency to stress the importance of China in Asia as follows "I can understand the fascination with China but I don't understand the corresponding disinterest" in India.

"Half of the people on earth who live in a society with civil liberties live in India. If that disappeared, you would know it."

Aid Resumption To Be Discussed

Canadian and Indian officials are meeting in New Delhi tomorrow to discuss nuclear and industrial aid to India.

Aid to India, except food aid, was discontinued after India's detonation of a nuclear device in May this year.

Prime Minister Trudeau's foreign affairs adviser Ivan Head and undersecretary of state for Asia, Michael Depuy are in New Delhi representing the Canadian Government. It is expected these officials will do the groundwork necessary to next spring's meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

The Canadian Government is demanding that India must stop further nuclear explosions and guarantee it will not share nuclear technology with other countries.

J.P. Hopes To Spread Movement

NEW DELHI, Dec.24(UNI). Efforts are being made to spread movements of the type in Bihar to other states.

The Sarvodaya leader Jaya-

Jayaprakash Narayan, who is leading the Bihar movement, has endorsed the non-Communist Opposition parties' view on launching a popular movement in U.P., according to a Lucknow report.

The movement in Bihar was launched by a Student Action Committee in March to protest against rising prices and shortage of essential commodities. Mr.Narayan joined it in May and demanded dissolution of the Bihar Assembly. Mr.Narayan's Sarvodaya movement aims at public reform through non-violent means.

Asian Immigration Worries "Racist" M.P.

(The following excerpts are from the House Commons Debates of December 9.1974).

Hon.Ron Huntington: It is important that we have policies that will allow the proper assimilation of peoples coming into this country. In the last seven years we have brought in more non-whites than our total native population.

An Hon.Member: What is wrong with that?

Mr.Huntington: There is nothing much wrong with it, except that it is happening too fast and is imposing a great social burden on the country. Our record of improving conditions for our native people has not been too good.

For 2,000 years man has been facing racial problems. The problems and pressures that we are facing today in Canada do not exist in China, however. China does not allow whites to immigrate, nor does Japan, nor does India.

An.Hon.Member: Racist!

Mr.huntington: I am not a racist. Anyone who knows me knows well that I am not. I have never had any trouble pertaining to race, creed or religion in my life, and I would not belong to an organization that exercised discrimination. But I am a concerned Canadian who represents a community worried about the lack of enforcement of immigration laws.

An Hon.Member: What is y our riding?

Mr.Huntington: My riding is Capilano. The government has had many opportunities to solve the problems of our native people but new ghettos are being created all the the time. Chinese people and Indian people who cannot be absorbed properly into t he country, and who cannot find jobs suitable to them, are being admitted under the ac t. So are people who advocate the forceful overthrow of the country. It is claimed that these people are being allowed in to do the men ial labour of Canada.

Surely as intelligent people we can get together and solve this problem, but planning is needed. The ghetto problem should not be aggravatged by setting East Indians down in places like Quesnel, and then finding there is a confrontation with the white residents because of lack of proper planning.

These people are coming in so rapidly that they are not fitting properly into the fabric of Canadian society. They are ocating in ghettos, dozens to a house. Does this give them respect for the Canadian system and our government? It does not. It just creates cells for futher reactionary groups to work against the fundamental principles for which this House is supposed to stand. Do not label me a racist. I am just saying that we have a problem and the government should recognize it as a problem. If you need help my colleagues will be pleased to render it.

If there is one thing we need in our immigration policy it is a planned assimilation of other races, of Asians and East Indians. We must take steps to achieve this if we want to avoid cells of discontent and the establishment of more ghettos. There is too much pressure in this regard in the city of Vancouver. Perhaps it is time for another cabinet leak. Man has been try ing to solve the question of integration of races for some 2,000 years. If the cabinet has the solution to the problem, may be it should leak it so we can understand a little more about it.

an Hon.Member: Tolerance.

Mr.Hunlington: Yes, tolerance and compassion. Those qualities are not developed by the immigration of masses of people who are foreign to our ideologies and our way of life. They come in planesloads, 350/at a time, and there just is no way to assimilate them.

Mr.Sharp: How would you do it? It is high time to ask ourselves if immigration from Asian countries in great numbers is helping solve the world's problems. Each year the populations of India and China increase by a number in excess of the population of all Canada. India's population increases annually by 13 million.

An Hon.Member: Do you want to shoot them?

Mr.Huntington: No. You want to feed them and have them breed more, but what can we do with an immigration policy to solve that problem? This is a world situation which cannot be solved by destroying the Canadian social fabric with an over-anxious immigration policy. there is nothing racist in my remarks. I just think this has to be said.

Douglas Rache: I cannot reflect my concern about the manner in which the government is now handling immigration. I am concerned because of the headlines I see in the newspapers. For example in the November 25 edition of the New York Times there is a headline, "A Racial Trend in Immigration Is Troubling Canadians". The November 26 edition of the Ottawa Journal carried the headline, "Racial Conflict, We Are Not So Free of It - Discrimination Tearing at the Canadian Fabric."

The other night I heard a comment on "Viewpoint" forget the name of the commentator. However, his words have lingered in my mind because I considered them so racist in provoking Canadians to hostility toward immigration.

I have a question for the minister. I hope he will respond to it when he closes the debate.why is there the long delay on the green paper? It was referred to here this evening. It is absolute disgrace that the green paper, which is to outline the beginnings of what will be a new policy, has been delayed. It is that delay, along with these minor pieces of legistlation, that is unsettling the Canadian people.

I am going to make a strong pitch for immigration.

Indo-Nepalese Misunderstandings Removed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23(UNI) India is understood to have conveyed to the Nepalese Prime Minister, Nagendra Prasad Rijal its serious concern over the use of Nepalese territory by foreign powers as a spring board for anti-India propaganda.

In the two days of discussions here with Rijal, Indian leaders also did some plain speaking over Nepal's lack of appreciation of India's sensitiveness to its needs.

After his two-day stay here, Mr.Rijal left for Kathmandu expressing confidence that whatever misunderstanding there had been between India and Nepal were now cleared' after his talks with the Prime Minister, Mrs.Gandhi and the External Affairs Minister Y.B.Chavan.

The relations between India and Nepal entered an unpleasant phase when in September this year violent anti-Indian demonstrations had been held in Kathmandu over India's decision to accord the status of an associate status to Sikkim. India had lodged a strong protest with the Nepalese Government over those 'uncalled for' incidents. The Chinese Embassy in Kathmandu has also been indulging in anti-Indian propaganda.

Trade in Flesh Continues

NEW DELHI, Dec.21(UNI) Following fresh reports of traffic of Indian women to Westasia, the Indian Government has advised all the state Governments to tighten security arrangements at exit points to prevent unscrupulous persons taking girls to foreign countries with offers of employment, the Deputy External affairs Minister B.Das has said in Lok Sabha.

The state governments had also been advised to give the widest possible publicity, particularly among the poorer and more vulnerable sections of the society, to the hazards to which such girls might be exposed abroad. The passport authorities had been directed to exercise vigilance in such cases.

The Government warning follows the shocking tale from Bombay of a 19-year old girl of how trade in flesh to West Asian Countries was still continuing and she herself had been a victim.

Roshanbi Mohammed Sayyed sought policy protection from her own mother and brother who she alleged, had been responsible for her being forcibly married to an Arab and sent to Bahrain, from where she made good her escape and came back to India.

The comely young girl, who got herself remarried to a man of her choice on landing in Bombay, told the Police that there were at least 25 other Indian girls who had been forcibly married off to Arabs and sent to Bahrain in the same manner in which she was sent.

Roshanbi accused that certain policemen also had a hand in the nefarious trade and had helped to browbeat the girls into submission by handing out threats to them.

Roshanbi, who hails from Bangalore, in her compalint to the police commissioner said that her days of woe began when her mother and brother with the help of the police got her forcibly married to an Arab from Bahrain.

She insisted that this was a bogus marriage and said that soon after she had reached Bahrain, she obtained a divorce, got hold of her passport and with the help of the Bahrain police managed to get back to India.

Air Agreement Signed

NEW Delhi Dec.21(UNI) India concluded air agreements with three countries recently.

Under a memorandum of understanding signed with Belgium, Sabena, the Belgium airlines would be permitted to operate two services a week to and through India and correspondingly Air India would operate two services a week to and through Belgium.

Formalisation of the understanding reached in Rome between Itlay and India took place here through exchange of diplomatic letters concerning the operations of Air India and Alitalia.

Under the arrangements of operation of the air services, valid up to March 31, 1975, Air India is entitled to operate Boeing 747 aircraft to and through Italy and Alitalia to and through India further, bothe the air carriers would be entitled to operate one cargo service each through each other's territoty.

At present Alitalia operates four flights to india per week. With the improvement of its services air India would operate ten flights a week in both directions through Italy.

Dr. M. Chenna Reddy (right) was sworn in as Governor of Uttar Pradesh by D.S. Mattmr, Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.

Breach of Privilege Motion on License Issue

NEW DELHI, Dec.23 (UNI) The speaker of the Lok Sabha, G.S.Dhillon reserved his ruling on the breach of privilege motion against the railway minister, L.N.Mishra and closed the debate on the much debated licence issue.

The pavilege motions had been moved by several members, among them Atal Behari Vajpayee of the Jana Sangh, and related to the grant of licences to certain firms of Pondicherry when Mr.Mishra was minister of foreign trade. He had been charged with misleading the house.

The scandal had its origin in 1972. Two import-export firms of Mahe and Yenam had been blacklisted by the government and therefore denied import licences. On November 23, 1972, the then Minister for Foreign Trade L.N.Mishra received a memorandum signed by 21 members of Parliament for the grant of licences of these firms.

Except Tulmohan Ram, all MPs had denied having sighned the memorandum. According to the prosecution Gurbachan Singh had introduced one Mr.Pillai to Tulmohan Ram. A settlement was made between Mr.Pillai and ram at the rate of Rs. 10,000 per license.

Mr.Ram forged signatures of 20 members of Parliament and drafted a memorandum recommending the grant of licences. Mr.Ram added his signatures to the memorandum and sent them to the Government.

Sheikh and Kashmir

(UNI) The Kashmir leader Sheikh Abdullah ruled out any settlement with Indian Government on the future set up of Kashmir unless he was given a free hand to conduct elections in the state.

'There can be no compromise with New Delhi on this issue', he told a public meeting organised here by the Plebiscite Front to felicitate him on his 69th birthday.

The Sheikh said he would assume the reins of government only if he was given complete control over the state election machinery. 'In view of our past bitter experience with regard to the conduct of elections in the state we would like to be assured that elections future are held freely and fairly.'

Representatives of the Sheikh and the Prime Minister, Mrs.Gandhi recently concluded talks on the future constitutional set up of Kashmir, which have not been made public yet. The Sheikh has been asking for a return to the pre-1953 position, when he was Prime Minister of the state.

Timely Action by Air India Crew

ROME An Air India 747 carrying 151 passengers and 17 crew members bound for New York was saved from a hijacker due to the timely action of the crew recently.

A Czech born Canadian Josif Homolov, 30, who lived in Hamilton, Ont. was overpowered by the crew of the plane when he demanded to crash the plane on Rome. Homolov had a knife with him and he threatened to smash the controls if the pilot did not obey his orders. "I had the choice of allowing him to crash the aircraft or take the risk of injuries to the members of my crew", the captain Mr.Kapur said.

Deaths

Sucheta Kripalani

NEW DELHI, Dec.2(UNI) Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani, freeddom fighter and former U.P. Chief Minister died of a heart attach here early December 1. She was 66. Mrs.Kripalani had been complaining of chest pain for almost a week and was under considerable strain due to the illness of her octogenerian husband, Acharya Kripalani.

Following her death, the President Mr.Ahmed, Vice-President Mr.Jatti and Prime Minister Mrs.Gandhi were the earliest to call at the Kripalani residence.

R.P. Aiyer

BOMBAY, Dec.16(UNI) Veteran journalist and freedom fighter R.P.Aiyer died of cirrhosis of the liver here at the age of 67. Mr.Aiyer was a bachelor.

I.K. Menon

New Delhi, Nov. 23 (UNI) I.K.Menon, Secretary of the Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association (IMPPA) and the All-India Film Producers' Council died in his hotel room here on November 22 following a heart attack.

He was 61 and is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Ram S. Yadav

NEW DEHI, Nov. 23 (UNI) Ram Sevak Yadav, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the U.P. Legislative Assembly, died here on the night of November 22 following a liver complaint. He was 48 and is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

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States Not For Voting Age Reduction

The Governments of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya have favoured reduction of voting age from 21 to 18, the Lok Sabha was informed.

Giving state governments reaction to Parliament's Joint Committee's recommendation for reduction of the voting age, the Minister of State for Law, Dr.S.Mahishi said Tripura, M.P. and Delhi, however, had opposed the suggestion as it would make the educational institutions including schools hotbeds of politics and divert the students from their studies.

The other states and union territories had not expressed any opinion so far.

Indo-Iran Shipping Line Launched

New delhi, Dec. 23 (UNI) Iran and india sighned an agreement on the setting up of a mixed Iranian-Indian shipping company with a capital of one million.

Fifty-one per cent of the shares of the new company, The Irano-Hind Shipping Co., will belong to the Iranian side, and 49% to the indian side. The ships of the company will be based at Tehran and will navigate berween Iranian, Indian and far eastern ports. The Indian Government has sanctioned foreign exchange to the tune of Rs.3.6 million for the purpose. The company would have a capacity of 200,000 tons.

Vajpayee To Quit

(UNI)

The Jana Sangha leader Mr.A.B. Bajpayee announced recently his decision to resign from Parliament.

He said this drastic decision had been prompted mainly by two considerations. One was that parliamentary democracy was no longer an effective instrument to serve the people. Secondly, he said, instead of asserting itself as the highest legislative body representing the sovereignty of the Indian people, Parliament had been reduced to 'a mere rubber stamp to serve the ends of the majority party.

IDRC Grant to India

OTTAWA, Dec.27 Grants totalling $730,100 to support seven projects of research into more efficient ways of processing and milling various grains and legumes, and thus cutting down the large post-harvest losses of food crops in many countries were announced by the International Development Research Centre.

The largest single grant of $360,000 is for the Indian council of Agricultural research which is planning experiments to improve the whole post-harvest system for the main subsistence cereal grains and legumes. These experiments will be carried out at five centres in different climatic zones, each representing a different cropping system.

Sikh Yogi With A Mission

NEW DELHI Dec.24(UNI) His mission is to build a bridge of understanding between the two largest democracies of the world U.S. and India - "Yogi" Harbhajan Singh said at a press conference here recently.

He said India could contribute to America the technology of mind whereas America could give India the technology of the machine.

The "Yogi" said his primary purpose to come here along with a group of American Sikhs was to convince them that India was not all poverty, ignorance and illiteracy. During his stay here the title of Singh Sahib was conferred upon him by the Akal Takhat, the highest seat of authority of the Sikhs.

India Sore At U.K.

NEW DELHI, Dec.23(UNI) Mini-India's Deputy External affairs Minister Bipinpal Das told the Lok Sabha that India was unhappy that the U.K.Government had finally agreed to give additional facilities to the U.S. to establish a naval base on Diego Garcia island in the Indian ocean.

Reiterating India's opposition to the establishment of any military base in the Indian ocean, the Minister said the Indian government was continuing its efforts, in cooperation with Sri Lanka and other countries to make the region a peace of zones.

India Signs Treaty With Portugal

NEW DELHI Dec.31 India and portugal restored diplomatic relations today after thirteen years. Diplomatic relations with Portugal were severed when the Portugese territories in India were liberated. In the new treaty signed Portugal recognizes Indian sovereignty over Goa and other former Portugese colonies in India.

Indian Foreign Secretary Kewal Singh had met the Portugese authorities on his way back from the U.N. recently and had discussed with them matters of mutual interest and the modalities for the restoration of diplomatic relations.

Kerala Bandh Peaceful

TRIVANDRUM, Dec.21(UNI) The Kerala strike, sponsored by five Opposition parties to protest against cut in rations, rise in prices and alleged police excesses, passed off peacefully throughout the state, except for some stray incidents of stone-throwing and a minor lathi (baton) charge in Trichur.

Talking to newsmen here, the State Home Minister, Karunakaran said 'workers and government servants had generally ignored the call for bandh' as the industrial units worked with almost normal complement and government offices functioned withoutinterruption.

Private bus transport and taxis and autorickshaws were off the road and shops and other business establishments remained closed.

Rockefeller Visit Queried

NEW DELHI(UNI) Bhupesh Gupta of the pro-Moscow Communist party of India demanded in the Rajya Sabha, a statement from the Government of India over the reported meeting of a member of Rockefeller family of the U.S. with the Prime Minister and some cabinet ministers recently.

Raising the issue, he wanted the Government to inform the house as to why these influential persons and other business magnates should meet the national leaders.

He suspected that some sort of "deal" has been arrived at with the multi-national corporations and Shal of Iran.

Below Poverty Line

NEW DELHI, Dec.27(UNI) Forty per cent of Indian population live below poverty line.

The proportion below poverty line was highest in Kerala and Orissa. These two states were followed bytamil Nadu, A.P. Karnataka, Gujarat, W.Bengal and Maharashtra.

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TOURISM: HELP OR HINDERANCE

Most governments all over the world encourage foreign tourists. Many communist countries and some developing countries such as Guyana are exceptions. Indian Government is no exception, however. More tourists mean more foreign exchange. What is more desirable than foreign exchange? So goes the reasoning.

It may be asked whether anyone has cared to ponder about non-economic costs of tourism to India? A tourist goes to India and returns with an IMPRESSION. What kind of an impression does that person get? Favourable? Unfavourable? Or neutral? What are the implications of such impressions on the image, development, and international trade prospects of India? The tourist has been fleeced of his last dollar alright - an immediate economic gain. But what does it mean in the long run?

Given the lack of appropriate facilities for tourists, the rampand corruption in the civil service, the rude behaviour of many in positions of some power, the dearth of cleanliness in places of tourist attraction etc. the tourist often returns with very negative amitude towards India and Indians. However, only very few of them will openly express their real feelings to people of Indian origin.

Thus tourists become somewhat prejudiced towards India as a nation and Indians as a people. (For instance proportionately more Britishers are familiar with Indians and probably they are the most prejudiced towards Indians.) If some of these tourists happen to occupy influential postions in the developed countries, would this bias prove to be more harmful than helpful to India?

No one knows for sure the answers to some of these questions posed above. No one has cared to seek such answers either. Perhaps it is time that someone did some research into this problem.

Letters

Lousy Service By Indian Air Lines

My recent trip to India took me through several strange experiences and anxious moments. Regretfully, I must say, the giant part of my troubles occured at the Bombay airport.

On arrival at the airport, I found no record of my four reservations made from Canada, and I booked for the next flight and waited. Like 50 dogs eating from one dish, all the passengers grunting and grumbling, surrounded the ticketcounter. With a baby in my left arm, I pushed and jostled among the people and managed to get three seats. My next ordeal was to acquire an additional one seat. According to the list, only a few more seats were vacant and a dozen gasping people were pushing to grab them. Five minutes before the flight, my persistent shouting succeeded. With babies and handbags, we scrambled into the waiting plane, which later took off. To my surprise and anger, I found that there were still three empty seats in the plane.

Later, my conversations with several passengers convinced me of certain malpractices commonly employed at the ticketcounter and I feel ashamed to list them here.

On our return journey, four seperate procedures, namely customscheck, passport check and security check, took more than three painful hours.

One o' clock in the morning, fatigue and exhaustion embraced us overwhelmingly. Babies cried like crickets, ceiling fans stood still as if mocking us suffer.

One man walked aimlessly among 500 peices of baggage thrown inside the airport terminal. I dug out my baggage and this relaxed man pecked through two of my five suitecases. This is baggage check! There too waiting to attarct this man's attention is a real test of patience.

Security check is another one-hour ordeal which I hate to describe here.

Any human being with a clean commonsense would say, "It can be done a lot better if they organise themselves." When I left the airport, I cursed all the airport employees who created that 'monkey game'. The Bombay airport is the best example of limitless mismanagement and lack of coordination.

'why?

R. LUIZ, Ottawa.

Guyana Indians Draw Support From Bishop

The Guyana Council of Indian Organisations, which represents the major Hindu, Muslim and Christian Indian organisations in the country, has come out in full support of the pastoral letter by BishopBenedict Singh on the state of the mass media in the country.

In a Press statement, the Council said:
The GCIO is pleased that more and more sections of the Guyanese people are now awakening to the realities of life in Guyana even though the wolf is already at the door.

In a countrywhere people are already facing a life of starvation, misery and repression, they now have to contend with the added burden of censorship and propaganda. Both the written and spoken word are now subject to control and the Government seeks to justify this grip on the dissemination of information by its claim that the mass media must be used to aid the country's development.

The people, however, know differently. The ruling elite, whose slogan is 'What is good for the elite must be good for Guyana' has a tremendous fear of exposure, because it is so vulnerable, so barefaced, so thickskinned and so vintictive.

Accepting however, as a basis for discussion the Government's claim about the media and development, let us examine the record of performance of the media under its control. The answer is a very miserable record indeed.

The primary concern of the media is to further the interests of the ruling party, the Peoples National Congress, at the expense of national unity and national involvement. They are totally committed to a party which cannot mobilise the people because it represents a dwindling minority of them even though it has assumed the role of a majority by fraud and gangstgerism. The news is slanted because it is felt that the needs of the party and the State coincide.

The media are also busy with the personality cult. The project an image of certain individuals connected with the regime, as if they were heroes, and sometimes even saviour and redeemers.

Large sections of the population, either through their political, religious or cultural institutions, are denied access to the media even for the bland announcement of their activities. The criterion for exposure by the media is the ability to swing with the PNC. This is unacceptable as a basis for creating unity and harmony and for the total involvement of the people in any national undertaking.

It is high time that more Guyanese stand up and speak out about the fears and tensions within the society, about its injustices, about the prevalence of corruption and about the frustrations of the people so as to help save what little of the basic freedom is left.

It is totally hyprocritical for a representative of Guyana to sit on the Security Council to protect the U.N. Charter while at home the very Charter is being mutilated at every turn.

M. Azad Khan,
for Guyana Council
Organisations

Government Alert Against Espionage

NEW DELHI, Dec.23(UNI)Home Minister Brahmananda Reddy assured the Rajya Sabha that the Indian Government was taking appropriate steps in consultations with the Defence Ministry to safeguard the country's interest against espionage indulged in by foreign countries.

Reddy's assurance came following persistent questioning by members from both sides of the house on the security steps taken by the Government to prevent espionage, particularly in the north-eastern region.

Mr.Reddy admitted that there had been some laxity on the part of the army personnel in the handling of documents and allowing entry of unauthorised persons into the security area in the Pakistani espionage case decided by the court of the additional sessions judge Alipore in September.

Mr.Reddy said in the case decided by the Alipore court, seven persons, including some army personnel, were convicted for espionage activities.

One member said in the book 'CIA and the Cult of Intelligence' publihsed recently in the United States, there was a statement about a CIA base in north-eastern India.

Population Experts Against Extreme Measures

NEW DELHI,Dec.29(UNI) The National Conference on Population has suggested the setting up of a Cabinet Committee headed by Mrs.Gandhi to coordinate and implement the population policy for the country.

Health and Family Planning Minister, Dr.Karan Singh said he would take this other findings of the Conference to the Cabinet.

Most of the participants did not favour 'extreme measures' like compulsory sterilisation. A series of suggestions were made with regard to incentives like the possibility of linking family planning with small savings schemes and modified insurance schemes.

The need for adequate health services in rural areas was repeatedly emphasised by many participants.

The Shah of Iran visited India during the course of his tour of several countries seeking support for his Asian Economic Alliance proposal. Pic shows the Shah and his wife (left) being received by the Indian President Mr. Ahmed and his wife.

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A Program For Multiculturalism

BY JOHN BEST

(Parliamentary Press Gallery)

The Federal Government has been urged to make money available for the teaching of languages other than French and English from preschool level through universities.

This recommendation is contained in interim report made by the Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism to Labour Minister John Munro, who is responsible for multiculturalism.

The report says that language "plays a major role in cultural preservation and development for all the Canadian people". It also states that bilingualism, as defined in the Official Languages Act, and multiculturalism are complementary policies. It calls for the preservation of Canadia's multicultural heritage, and overcoming of inequalities of opportunity faced by ethnocultural groups, as longterm Government priorities.

In the short term, the report suggests, the Government should concern itself with community cultural centres and multicultural centres, the ethnic Press and mass media, arts in multicultural society, and the problems of immigrants in a multicultural society.

Community cultural centres might be assisted by low interest loans from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, says the report. On the other hand, multicultural centres should be assisted only where a definite need is established.

The Council advocates support for the ethnic Press through an equitable share of federal advertising funds, a reduction of postal rates for community publications, "with special regard for the ethnic Press", and the establishment in Ottawa of an office to provide Government information and "other assistance" to the ethnic Press.

Mr. Munro should also urge the CBC "to reflect in its English and French programming, staffing and corporate structure the multicultural reality of Candian life today". Specifically, the CBCshould be urged to provide programming in languages other than English and French, both on radio and television. A broadcasting committee, composed of representatives of ethnocultural groups and the broadcasting industry, should be set up.

Orientation services for immigrants should be expanded, says the report. These are designed to explain the social, economic and cultural realities of Canada. Programs should be introduced specifically aimed at helping elderly immigrants and alienated immigrant teenagers to overcome conflict in cultures.

Dealing with education, the report urges that federal funds be made available to the provinces for the purpose of assisting all schools and institutions which carry on satisfactory programs in languages other than the two official languages. The money would also be used to furnish teaching materials such as textbooks and audiovisual aids, and to train teachers in how to use them. These aids and materials should be developed for use on educational television and cable vision in homes and in schools.

The report recommends that funds for multicultural arts programs be channelled, where possible, through recognised intergroup agencies, such as the Canadian Folk Arts Festival.

the Chairman of the Consultative Council, which consists of 101 members from every region of Canada and 47 language groups, is the whinipeg lawyer, Julius Koteles.

J.P. Gave Teeth To Sarvodaya

The best that Jaya Prakash Narayan, popularly known as J.P. one of the most popular and beloved veteran leaders of India has done to the Sarvodaya movement is to wake it from its deep slumber and activate it into a new programme and direction. Despite its avowed aim of improving the lot of the poor, distribution of the land to the landless through non-violent means, the movement had virtually collapsed even in States like Bihar where it has succeeded the most.

When Sarvodaya was launched Gandhian workers who joined it pointed out the inherent dangers in the Bhoodan movement especially with regard to its eventually falling into the hands of the Govt. but no one listened to them at that time since they were in great minority.

To be exact the stalwarts of the movement like Acharya Vino Bhave and J.P. at no point tried to resolve the division between the power of bureaucracy and the opposition of the Gandhian techniques to this power. A natural outcome of this was that the movement (caught between these two opposing forces) remained aloof from the economic and political forces operating in the country. So much so that in Bihar where the movement was hailed a great success it had harvested a dismal record as far as the introduction and the implementation of agrarian reforms was concerned, while the corruption attained such nasty proportions that eventually He had to raise his banner of revolt against the Govt.

The ruling party was never in favour of keeping the Gandhian philosophy alive. It had through a well planned strategy right after Gandhi's death tried to bury it deep enough to be lost for any future use. And the areas where it could not it endeavoured successfully to bring its operation under the Governmental control.

The Govt. in theory gave a sembalance of following Gandhi through the creation of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, a semi-autonomous body for popularising Khadi at least outward-ly, whereas in actual practice it became an outlet for doling out lucrative jobs to influencial Gandhians with a view to silence their voices against the Govt's lapses.

Apparently the Sarvodaya haven't split and the two stalwarts Vinobhave and J.P. seemed to have resolved their differences but this shouldn't be taken seriously. The basic conflict between the two rests on their different approaches and consequently they represent two significantly different forces. The common factor between these two personalities is that they have lived a major part of their lives through the non-Gandhian era and seen the degeneration which has set in. But the difference between the two rests on one simple factor that whereas Acharya Vino Bhave has decided to follow the spiritual path, J.P. has launched a movement aimed at the eradication of the corruption which seems to have spread like a deadly virus throughout the body politic of the country. It is in fact an expression of the contradictions and dichotomies of the professed Gandhian aims of the 27 years of the rule of Congress and their actual performance, which is exactly the opposite of the same.

Politically the ruling party still draws its strength from Gandhi as the repetition of his name, like a tantric mantra, brings into its fold the vast power through the showering of millions of votes which would otherwise be denied to the party. But in actual practice the power hungry politicians have entered into a conspiracy and virtually murdered his spirit. Gandhian philosophy in its application poses great dangers to them as it can, especially in the present circumstances of the country, has the inherent danger of ushering in a permanent revolution which in its turn could lead to the restructuring of the society.

Hence the Congress leaders after Gandhi's death carved out an entirely different path for ruling the country. On one hand they snatched the power from the grass roots and tried to concentrate it in the Centre, and on the other hand, they tried to nullify any movement which might try to work constructively for the uplift of the rural people by depoliticising it. This virtually resulted in the legitimization of the morally degenerated forces in the country and their perpetuation.

In fact what J.P. is doing now virtually amounts to putting the clock back to the pre-Independence era and thereby providing the country the Gandhian strategy to meet the ugly forces of the post-Independent India.

Judging from the reports published in the newspapers all sorts of questions are being asked from J.P. about his movement but he is unable to provide answers to all of them. This should be understandable in view of the fact that the situation he is faced with is so different that the like of it was never there when Gandhi walked.

However, the greatest thing that J.P. has done is to give teeth to Sarvodaya by mixing political activity to its existing non-violent constructive work. The fate of any movement is always uncertain to predict but it is sure that after the present movement is over, Sarvodaya will never be the same again.

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Indian Democracy

In Danger Of Annihilation

by A.J. Singh

An elctoral system puts democracy in power, but it cannot ensure its effective working or the full observance of the democratic norms. At the same time, if badly worked, it can certainly destroy it.

This is what is happening to democracy in India. In addition to tilting very heavily towards a one-party dominance, the Indian electoral system has pulverised the party system to such an extent of the people altogether. And once the institution of parties is repudiated, democracy cannot hope to survive. The average Indian has come to view the parliamentary institutions as an outright fraud, because, in spite of repeated disillusionments, he has no alternative but to vote his exploiters back into power. This is because the electoral system does not permit any change in the government, although one is needed very badly.

Herein lies the failure of the democratic institutions!

The ruling Congress should have been thrown out of power several times over for its shoddy performance since Independence.

But every election puts it back into power. This does not mean that people continue to believe in the party, but the prevailing electoral system ensures that it captures the requisite number of votes.

UNNATURAL SITUATION

The common man is infuriated with this unnatural situation, but he is helpless in the face of the electoral framework which defeats him every time with its rigged elections, which in addition to institutionalising the voting support also throws its mantle of protection over the corruption and the normlessness of the ruling party. Codes and norms of conduct are respected only when the party learns to fear defeat at the polls.

The fragmentation of the party system has gone so far that as many as 53 political parties contested the 1971 elections, and more than that number in the various state and local elections. Today, the parties total anywhere up to a hundred. But what is not realised is that fragmentation invariably leads to fascism. This is what put Hitler in power in Germany.

Unless resolutely checked we may one day wake up to find an Indian version of fascism on us one, most significantly, with a radical face.

What has the electoral law of today done for our democracy?

First, it has made the Indian democracy the most expensive in the world. The elections to Parliament and the State legislatures are estimated to cost not less than Rs. 150 crores, on par with those in the United States. Thus, willynilly, the Indian legislature becomes a hotbed of corruption and begins its life by playing a fraud on democracy and on itself.

Second, it has encouraged partly fragmentation and politicization of narrow, sectarian loyalties. The voters' support is shifted from national to regional and even parocial parties. Also, the large number of parties has destabilized the partystructure. Coalition has become hard to achieve even between parties pursuing the same ideologies.

Third, it has permitted a large number of muvaduals to contest the elections as independents, which leades to a wastage of a large percentage of votes. The independents may take away 20 per cent. of the total number of votes polled and yet they may not win more than five per cent. of the seats.

Fourth, the seats won are divorced from the votes polled, throwing up in the process a tricky multiplier. Usually, this multiplier is weighted heavily in favour of the Congress Party, but when it is not, the party resorts to unfair tactics to manipulate it, which leads to political corruption.

Fifth, it has fragmented and pulverised the Opposition. A strong opposition is the lifeline of true democracy, since it keeps the ruling party in order. But in our country, on account of the inequities of the electoral law, a strong opposition has not been built up so far.

The ruling party sinks or swims with democracy. Once democratic institutions are discredited and democracy goes out of the window, the party and its leader become redundant to the country.

ELECTORAL SYSTEM

A democratic electoral system is efficient to the extent it (1) creates representative bodies, (2) provides an effective and responsible representative government, and (3)gives the voter fair and clearcut choices to make rational decisions.

How does the Indian electoral system rate on these criteria?

If the system has to refurbish its image, it is imperative that it reduces the number of political parties and cut down the electoral expenses drastically. This can be done by requiring the contestants to be invariably party candidates, and precluding all independents. Further, parties which do not achieve a minimum percentage of the total number of votes polled lose the right of representation, the percentages varying for State legislatures and Parliament. The State should finance the parties proportional to the seats won or votes polled by the party.

The situation is deteriorating, both economically and politically, at such a rapid speed as to preclude the possibility of future elections. And all the good work done hitherto by Mrs.Gandhi is losing credence solely on account of the mounting repudiation of the system she is presiding over. Time is running very fast against her and she has to act very quickly if history is not to pass a harsh judgement over her. It is very much in her interest, both in terms of her personal power and in terms of national requirements, that she initiates such electoral reforms as will restore the confidence of the voter and the parties that a ruling party can be replaced by truly democractic methods.

Today, Mrs.Gandhi's greatest need is a stable majority and a high degree of credibility. The fast changing political scene in the country centres around credibility of the democratic system and Mrs.Gandhi's very survival rests on it.

For B.C. Residents Only

There are a few things you should know about the new rent increase limit

THE RULES:

- Effective January 1, 1975, residential rent increases are limited to 10.6% of the rent presently being charged. This rule applies to any dwelling containing two or more rented units, and will be administered by the Rent Review Commission. The rule also applies to single family dwellings.
- Tenants can legally refuse to pay any rent increase over the 10.6% limit, subject to the exceptions specified in the legislation. Tenants cannot be evicted for non payment of illegal rent increases.
- There must be at least a twelve month interval between one rent increase and the next, and tenants must be given at least three months' notice of any rent increase.

Questions relating to landlord-tenant matters other than rent increases should be directed to the Office of the Rentalsman,
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SOME EXCEPTIONS:

- Half a duplex, when the owner lives in the other half (or basement suite, when the owner lives in the remainder of the house) is exempt from the 10.6% limit.
- Certain major renovations may entitle an owner to increase rents over the 10.6% limit. These improvements must have been started since May 3, 1974, and do not include normal maintenance and repairs. Landlords may consult the Rent Review Commission for details, particularly if planning renovations which might justify rent increases.
- Residential premises being rented for the first time on or after January 1, 1974, are exempt from the 10.6% rent increase limit for a period of five years.
- Premises renting for more than $500 per month are exempt from the 10.6% increase limit.

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To be born of low caste in a caste-ridden society is a curse. And to be continued to be treated like one is worse than that: debilitating. The people buried under centuries of humiliation have no will of their own, no stamina to fight. With them to be treated as drawers of water and hewers of wood becomes a way of life. Constitutionally we may have abolished caste, begar (free labour) and exploitation of the lowly but in practical life these curses of feudal times are still practised and preached.

ankur is a powerful indictment of such practices still prevalent in many parts of India. Shyam Benegal has precisely and brilliantly stated the problem but he has not tried to find a categorical answer to it. Whatever social protest he lodges in the last frame of the film is feeble. If he means to suggest that the seed of protest (and revolt) against man's barbarity to man has been sown then he must go further, nurture the seedling and give us a followup to **ankur**. The **ankur** sequel could start from its very last scene : the young boy throwing a stone at the landlord's windowpane to express his disgust at his brutality. It could have better structured tension than **ankur** itself. In the commercial set up, we have had some "entertaining" films on the theme but that should not be an excuse to let the seedling wither away. **ankur's** story, after all, is not a novelette.

Lakshmi, a young maid-servant working on a farm, is devoted to her deaf-and-dumb husband, Kishtiya, in spite of his flaws. The landlord's young college-going son, Surya, takes charge of the farm. In true feudalistic fashion he lords it over the villagers, stops all the facilities and concessions even of his father's mistress. Surya's wife has not yet joined him. He finds village life dull and dreary. Lakshmi resists Surya's advances. One day Kishtiya leaves the village after a humiliating punishment meted out to him for stealing toddy. Lakshmi has now no alternative but to yield to Surya she becomes pregnant. Surya's wife joins him. To avoid a scandal Surya asks Lakshmi to have an abortion. She refuses. One morning Lakshmi finds her husband Kishtiya sleeping by her side. Tears of joy well up at Kishtiya's return and fear of how he will react to her pregnancy. Her fear is however unfounded. Kishtiya is happy at the prospects of his wife bearing him a child. He goes to Surya for a job. Guilt-conscious Surya thinks he is to be humiliated and/or beaten up by Kishtiya. Reflexively he whips Kishtiya mercilessly in the presence of many villagers. None raises a finger or even a voice of protest. Lakshmi, a passive witness, curses but cannot do anything. The beating over, Kishtiya is left immobile. The villagers disperse. A boy, who helps Surya with his pastime of kite-flying, picks up a stone and hurls it at the window pane. A seedling revolt has been sown.

Shyam Benegal's direction is dignified, the narration cool and clear, all time subtle points are made by a deft touch or a visual metaphor. Shabana Azmi plays Lakshmi with sensitivity and soberness. Only she is too fair and heavily made-up for a potter's wife and maid servant when all the women around her are dark-complexioned and common featured. Almost all the other characters are real humans caught up in the fatalistic pressures of a feudal and social we. But the two which stand out most prominently are Sadhu Meher as the deaf-and-dumb husband and Agha Mohammed Hussein as the village patel. Anant Nag sounds too harsh as the landlord's son and he constantly overplays.

At places the film is too slow, slower than its slow momentum though we know that life in the villages is lived in slow motion. The surroundings and location the film is shot entirely in an Andhra village - bring out the languorousness and timelessness of village life.

Its narrative purity and lack involution is moving. Part of the dialogue is patterned after the village dialect which lends the film more than authenticity.

(Darshak in Democratic World)

Sports

Asian Wrestling

BANGALORE, Dec.22(UNI) The next Asian Wrestling Championship will be held here some time next year, the Karnataka Minister for Information and Youth Services, R.Gundu Rao said here.

Davis Cup

LUCKNOW, Dec.22(UNI) The Uttar Pradesh Lawn Tennis Association will host the Eastern Zone Davis Cup semi-finals between India and New Zealand on January 16, 17 and 18.

Second Test Loss

CALCUTTA, Dec.26 India, two down in the five match cricket series against the West Indies have made three changes for the Test starting here tomorrow.

Pataudi and Gavaskar who missed the Delhi Test through injury will return to the team. Abid Ali, Patel and Kantikar will be dropped.

Amritraj Brothers Excel

CALCUTTA, Dec.23 (UNI)Anand Amritraj lifted the Men's singles title of the National Lawn Tennis Championships beating his younger brother Vijay in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 8-6 in the final here. The Amritraj brothers won the men's doubles title beating J.Mukherjea and P.Lall. The junior boys singles title went to Shankar Krishnan who was fully extended by his cousin Ramesh Krishnan (son of Ramanathan Krishnan) before winning 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

American Film Exports

The Indian Government has decided to import films from the U.S. and an agreement to this effect is proposed to be entered into with the American exporters Sinha, Deputy Minister for Information and Broadcasting, informed the Lok Sabha

Nandini, Kannada actress received the Urvashi (Best Actress) Award for her role in "KAADU" from the President of India, F. A. Ahmed.

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"Multiculturalism is a permanent government policy" John Munro

As Minister responsible for Multiculturalism the Honourable John Munro gives direction to the overall impact of multiculturalism in all departments of the Government of Canada. He is specifically responsible for the Multicultural Program in the Department of the Secretary of State.

In the Department of the Secretary of State

The Multicultural Program is designed to assist and promote cultural development of all Canadian groups wishing to preserve and contribute their heritage to Canada. Implementation of the following activities helps to achieve this goal:

Project Grants Program
Makes funds available to voluntary groups in support of multicultural activities.

Multicultural Centres Program
Provides grants to voluntary groups to organize multicultural centres in local communities.

Canadian Identities Program
Strives to strengthen the cultural identity of minority groups and promote an understanding and awareness of Canada's cultural diversity.

Canadian Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee
Formed to advise on the development of research on ethnic studies in Canada and administer a program of visiting professors of ethnic studies at Canadian universities.

Third Language Teaching Aids
Makes funds available for the development and production of teaching materials for language classes.

Immigrant Integration Program
Assists various groups in helping immigrants to participate fully in Canadian society.

Ethnic Groups Liaison
This program makes available professional resources at the national and local levels to assist groups in organization and communication.

In the National Film Board

The National Film Board has produced over 400 of its films in 19 different languages. These may be obtained free of charge from National Film Board offices in the following cities: Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Halifax.

In the National Museum of Man

The National Museum of Man in Ottawa documents the history of all Canadian ethno-cultural traditions. The Museum has accumulated a vast number of artifacts, tape recordings, video tapes and films. Special attention is being placed on such elements as folk architecture, home furnishings, pre-industrial techniques of food production and handicrafts, traditional story-telling, family and community life, feasts and rites. Cultural exhibits and travelling displays are also being prepared.

In the Public Archives

The National Ethnic Archives program is designed to find and protect ethno-cultural records from loss, damage or deterioration. A staff of area specialists has begun collating records of this rich and important aspect of our heritage through contacts with ethno-cultural organizations, associations and individuals.

In the National Library

The National Library has undertaken the organization of a Multilingual Biblioservice. Its aim is to acquire books in non-official languages spoken in Canada and make them available through public libraries. It is hoped that the blocks of books, in ten languages, will be ready for mailing at the beginning of 1975, five new languages being added annually.

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Canadians (That's US) And White Power

By Betty Masako Stillwell

(The following article by a Japanese Canadian will be of interest to many of our readers in view of reports of prejudicial treatment of Indians in Canada.)

Walking in downtown Vancouver last summer, were a couple in their forties, your self-styled white Canadians. Dressed in comfortable tourist garb, they sauntered easily along, as a young Japanese girl came down the street toward them. The couple gave no sign they saw her, and despite the lack of pedestrians, she was forced to jam herself against a wall in order to pass.

I took a guitar course at the Y once. Four oriental students and nine caucasian ones were scattered through the room when we started, but gradually as the season wore on, all the white skinned students gravitated to one side of the room, all the oriental students to the other. All that is, except for a lone caucasian girl who had been friendly to some of us, and presently found herself separated from the other whites. At the end of the course, she was with them.

A sweet old lady who lives in my apartment building said to me: "I haven't seen you for a while. Though I did see someone like you on Tuesday. That wasn't you, was it?" "I don't think so", I said. "There's another Oriental person that lives here, you know", she hastend to reassure me. "Oh, that's all right. The are quiet, and that's the main thing."

The young Canadian of Japanese origin grows up programmed with some pretty confusing ideas. He is conditioned from early childhood to the glorification of European culture, starting with the angels in Sunday School with their inevitable fair hair, to the condominium he lives in when he grows up, with names like Argyl House, or St.James Court.During the learning process, he embraces the virtues of a free enterprise system, taking a major in mechanics and a minor in materialism. A culture alien to his instincts insists that he prefer blondes.

If one looks for support and approbation from one's old-world parents one is helpfully advised to respect the teachers, parents and all authority figures. Don't talk back to them. It is more polite to act inferior! And always remember the individual is subservient to society as a whole.

Searching for a clue to his identity, our young Canadian turns to his western world and winds through trial and error, usually error, these guidelines: Don't let people walk all over you. Be an individualist. It's a giggle to flout convention. Gain respect by manipulating others. Be aggressive to get ahead. Stand up for yourself.

As a group the Japanese have been so pushed around that we are acutely conscious of injustice. We trop up to the arena with our intelligent, terribly logical pleas for 'reason' and 'fair play", and can't understand it when we are totally ignored. We make the mistake of thinking Hotace's passion for justice is as strong as our own.

"The only true tolerance between the races (or classes, or sexes, for that matter)" Richard Goldstein, Village Voice writer tells us, "is the toleration born of balance so that no group dares challenge the other for fear of provoking open warfare. It is all a game of power and pride; morality has nothing to do with it." Our friend Churchill, a tactician not be sneezed at, said over and over again in the 30's that the law-abiding must face the lawless with force - or the threat of it.

To put it another way, some people understand nothing but the language of aggression. We live in a system where we must compete and play power games in order to survive; and that's the bald truth of it.

One group who fanatically accepted a power play which shocked an outraged world are paying for that passivity now. And so are their brothers, who may have been born here. The former Ugandan Asians now living in Vancouver are undergoing attack and harassment so vicious that federal officials have had to intervene. In just one associated incident; a Fijian family endured five months of terror before putting their house up for sale.School-aged youths, who thought the family East Asian beat the father unconscious with boots and a steel bar.

Waiting for man's better nature to assert itself didn't work too well for the blacks. But a show of force in the 60's civil rights revolution got more equality spread around in a few short years than blacks have had for the last two hundred. And the Jews - they never did become accepted and assimilate, did they, poor things, though you have to give them marks for trying. But now they have their own homeland, and can command a little more respect.

The white majority controls, as we know, all the important channels in our country from big business to the arts. In downtown Vancouver, the odd Oriental sales clerk can now be seen, riding on the coat-tails of black modishness and new Hong Kong money. But in this second largest Chinese community in North America of 37,000 people there are no Chinese TV programs locally. Nor bus drivers, policemen, commercial artists, writer or muscians to speak of.

Many of us haven't caught on yet to one of the most potent weapons anybody can use. I mean of course, unity. When we have enough respect for ourselves and other 'coloureds' to stand up for each other we'll be a lot farther, and a lot better off.

(Reprinted from The New Canadian)

Biographical Sketches

NEW DELHI(UNI) A dictionary of exhaustive biographical sketches of eminent personalities who had contributed to the growth of the national consciousness and in various fields of art and culture between 1800 and 1847 has been released here.

Releasing the Dictionary of National Biography compiled by the Institute of Historical Studies, its director S.P.Sen said the volume contained biographical details of about 1,400 Indians. It took about ten years to compile the dictionary. It involved the labour of 35 researchers across the country.

Radio-Active Fallout

NEW DELHI, Dec.22(uni) Mrs.Indira Gandhi has told the Lok Sabha that radio-active fallout from the Tarapur Atomic Power station was well within the prescribed limits.

Replying to a question on reports about environmental pollution in the U.S. owing to escape of radio-activity from nuclear power plants, Mrs.Gandhi said the limits prescribed by the International Committee for Radiological protection were being strictly enfoorced at Tarapur. In fact, in some cases even more stringent limits were being observed. as an additional measure, the waste treatment facilities at Tarapur were being augmented to reduce the liquid radio-active discharges even further.

Curse Of Alcohol

COCHIN, Dec.23(UNI) A service centre to help alcoholics overcome their 'disease', modelled after the American organisation Alcoholics Anonymous, has been opened in the city.

The centre will try to educate the people that an alcoholic is a sick man and not an immoral or evil man; according to Karuvilla president of the organisation.

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Three-Year Extension for Shastri Institute

NEW DELHI (UNI) The activities of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute for Enhancing Mutual Understanding between India and Canada have been extended for further three years with the signing of an agreement here.

The agreement was signed by K.N.Channa, Secretary to India's Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, and Prof.Maichael Mames, President of the Institute.

During the three year period, the Government of India will give a grant of Rs.3.6 million at the rate of Rs.1.2 million per annum from the 'counterpart' funds account maintained by the Government by agreement with the Canadiangovernment under the latter's assistance program. The Grant will be used for the promotion of academic and cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Indo-Czech Call

NEW DELHI(UNI) India and czechoslovakia called for efforts to convene an early World Disarmament Conference with the participation of all states.

Real Per Capita Income Falls

NEW DELHI, Dec.26(UNI) The per capita income of Indians at constant prices (1960-61) in 1972-73 was Rs.337.5 ($45) and at current prices was Rs.687.6 ($91.6) according to the Central Statistical Organisation. Over the years 1960-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 per capita income at constant prices fell by 1.3 per cent, 2.4 per cent and 1.8 per cent respecively though at current prices there has been an increase.

Call for Due Status for Hindi

NAGPUR, Dec.21(UNI) The Maharashtra Chief Minister, V.P. Naik expressed the hope that the forthcoming World Hindi Convention would help Hindi get due status in the U.N.

Performing the 'bhoomi-Puja' (foundation stone laying ceremony) of the Vishwa Hindi Nagar being erected here for the Coinvention, he said it was significant that the Convention was being hosted by a non-Hindi speaking state.

Swatantra Party Reactivated

MADRAS,dec.20(UNI) Members of the General Council of the rightist Swatantra Party who had not joined the Bharatiya Lok Dal (BLD), met here and decided to continue the Swatantra Party as before.

The meeting elected Sundaram, President of the Tamil Nadu unit, as the All India President in place of Piloo Mody who joined BLD. Twelve vacancies on the National Executive were also filled.

Subha Singh Back in Congress

NEW DELHI, Dec24(UNI) Former Indian Minister for Railways Ram Subhag Singh, who rejoined the Indian National Congress recently proposes to embark on a campaign to wean people away from Mr.Narayan's agitation in Bihar.

Import-Export to be Regulated

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23(UNI) The Government of India is likely to tighten the existing rules and and exports to prevent misuse of various facilities offered to importers and exporters.

An indication to this effect was available when the Commerce Minister, D.P.Chattopadhyaya told a meeting of the Board of Trade that the Government could not and 'will not' overlook the pitfalls nor condone abberations that resulted from misuse of the facilities offered by the Government.

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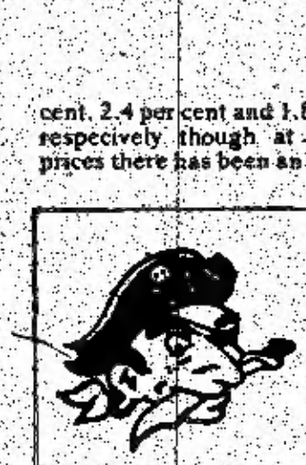

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Temple Project to be Launched in Toronto

In the summer of1974 some a Hindu temple met in Toronto and formed an AdHoc Committee to pilot the project. The Committe has now come up with specific proposals. They are:

That a charter be registered with the province of Ontario, creating a society to be known as the 'Hindu Society of Canada' or a like name, subject to approval by the Government.

The main objectives of the Society as specified in the charter will be:

1. To acquire, establish, construct, operate, maintain and equip a Hindu temple for the worship of the Lord in the manifestations of Shiva, Venkateswara, Ganesh, Subramanya and Mahalakshmi;

2. To promote the religious and spiritual well-being of the Hindu community in the provinde of Ontario;

3. To acquire, establish, construct, operate, maintain and equip a cultural centre as part of the Hindu temple with a view to promoting social and cultural activities of the said Hindu community;

After registration, the AdHoc Committee envisages the following steps to be taken to achieve the above objectives:

a) The various levels of the Government be approached for the grant of suitable land on convenient terms for the location of the temple.

b) A concerted effort to be made to enlist members paying dues to finance the project.

c) A campaign to be undertaken on a continuous basis for fund-raising.

d)Since it may take a few years to complete the project, it may be necessary to have a temporary structure to provide a place of worship, in the meanwhile, and kep the idea of the project alive.

Based on the expericance of similar organisations in North America, it is estimated that the project would cost something in the range of $.300,000. However, the AdHoc Committee would point out that the estimate is nothing more than an educated guess, and inflation and other factors, such as cost, if any, of the land and any variations in plans, would materially affect the amount.

In order to get the approval of the community, the AdHoc Committee is convening a general meeting of the community at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 12, 1975, at 9 Boon Avenue, Toronto (one street west of Dufferin on St.Clair Ave West). The agenda for this meeting will include the election of a charter committee, the soliciting of a pledge for membership and a general discussion of the project. All those interested are invited to attend.

For futher information, any of the following persons may be contacted.

Basaviah (491-2156), V.K. Ganapath(421-2905),

K.R.Rajagopalan (422-2168), N. Raghunathan (239-8746), Subash Shanbag (429-2845), S.R. Srinivasan(1-385-7043), R. Vaidyanathan (929-9804), and K. Venkataraman (421-7960).

Exodus of Doctors

Eight per cent in the u.s. PATNA, Dec.23(UNI)about 80 per cent of the medical graduates who had been trained at the prestigious All-India Institute of Medical Sciences at New Delhi have settled down in the U.S. because minimum facilities were not available in India. India spent a minimum of $40,000 to train a doctor. On an average, 6,000 doctors were leaving the country every year.

Plan to Benefit Children

NEW DELHI.dec.23(UNI) A total of 15 million children in the country will be benefitted by an integrated child development program being implemented under the 5th Plan, India's Education and Social Welfare Minister Prof. Nurul Hasan told the upper house.

The program provides for a package of services including nutrition, health care and non-formal education to the children upto the age of six. It would also cover expectant mothers.

Less Man Days Lost

BOMBAY, Dec.23(UNI) The provisional figures of man-days lost due to strikes decline from 20.54 million in 1972 to 17.97 million in 1973, according to the Reserve Bank of India. However, unlike the previous year, when the 'services' sector suffered the most, the loss in 1973 was mostly in a few critical industries in the central sector in a few critical industries such as coal and mines, some sections of the railways etc.

Two Ordinances Become Bills

NEW DELHI Dec.23(UNI) Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha gave approval to two controversial bills replacing ordinances issued earlier by the Government. The first was the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Bill, 1974 which enables the Government to haul up smugglers and foreign exchange racketeers under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.

Bhave to Observe Silence for One Year

Wardha, Dec.24(UNI) Acharya Vinoba Bhave has decided to observe silence for one year from December 25. He announced this a prayer meeting here recently. He said he would not write anything except "Hari Ram".

Mr.Bhave was one of the closest followers of the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi.

Raj's Solution

BOMBAY, Dec.23(UNI) Dr.K.N. Raj, an eminent economist and former Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University has suggested seggregation on region-wise of economic, political and social problems to study them in the relevance of the conditions obtaining there and evolve solutions.

Mr.Raj was addressing members of the Association for Defence of Democratic Rights here.

Export of Electronic Products

NEW DELHI Dec.28(UNI) India exported electronic products worth Rs.7.5 million ($one million) in 1973-74 registering an increase of 25 percent over the export value of the preceding year.

The total output of the industry improved to $322.6 million in 1973-74 compared to $266.6 million in the previous year. Indian statistical machines are picking up overseas demand in recent years. Japan is the largest buyer followed by Australia.

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